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at the magical crossroads of mask and window to the soul,
one of the better-kept public secrets essential to everyday life.

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We returned from York University’s first anthropological methods field school in Athens, Greece, full of ambitions. This sense of naive excitement permeated our discussions in the following weeks as the idea of *Contingent Horizons* was blossoming. In the midst of overwhelming support, the warnings of the challenges to come had not yet sunk in. But they did months later during moments of sheer panic, in front of our computers at 3 AM, or arguing over single and double quotations at a coffee shop. Countless people, known or unknown, named or unnamed, have joined us in this process of crafting the journal without whom none of this would have been possible.

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What will come next, we do not know. But as we close this first volume, and already start thinking about the next one, we invite all of you to join us in the contingency of this moment, to become something different, for the better or the worse of anthropology.